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To: "Joseph Swift" <joseph.swift@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/02/2026 3:30 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Off West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	The erection of 44 new homes with access from West Hoathly Road, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated infrastructure and highway works.
Case Officer:	Joseph Swift

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Customer Details

Address:	20 Forest View Road East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The access is close to a blind bend on a narrow country road with much on-street parking to the recreation ground and pub plus houses slightly further up the hill which already make this road dangerous. This area already suffers badly from flooding and concreting over green land will obviously make this worse. It already has known drainage constraints and restrictions on surface water discharge the development risks worsening flooding. It would have severe environmental impact due to development

already made nearby and it actually lies within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which means great weight should be given to the conserving and enhancing of the natural beauty.

This area also lies outside the Built-Up Area Boundary as defined in the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

As this area lies on the outskirts of East Grinstead and there is very poor infrastructure due to poor pavements near this proposed development it would be very difficult walking into the town centre. The bus service is very infrequent and poor which would encourage people to drive everywhere and therefore increasing the risk of more accidents around the blind bend and generally on this narrow road.

It goes without saying that already the GPs, dentists and childcare are already at capacity so 44 more homes would cause more pressure on these services.

It says in The East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan para 4.5 & 4.6 that "National Planning Policy goes on to state at Paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework 'planning permission should be refused in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest. This has not been evidenced.

This plan also worryingly includes a road leading off the site, raising concerns that the development could enable further expansion, compounding all the existing and identified harms above.

For these reasons this development should be refused.

Kind regards